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SUBJ: EXPERIEMENTAL SAFETY VEHICLE PROGRAM

ATTN: D. MCNEAL

THIRD SECRETARY, OFFICE OF THE
COUNSELOR FOR SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS

REF: A) TOKYO 16707; B) TOKYO 16443; C) STATE 247811

1. FOLLOWING IS PERTINENT INFORMATION ON THE FOUR POINTS
PER REFTEL A, CONTAINED IN LETTER NOW PREPARED FOR
SIGNATURE BY DR. JAMES B. GREGORY, ADMINISTRATOR, NHTSA
TO MR. TAICHI SAITO, DIRECTOR, MACHINERY AND INFORMATION
INDUSTRY BUREAU, MITI. ANTICIPATE ACTUAL SIGNOFF OF
LETTER BEFORE JANUARY 7. WILL CONFIRM SIGNING TO YOU
IMMEDIATELY.

(A) AS RECIPROCITY IS THE BASIS OF THE ESV PROGRAM,
WE WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO PROVIDE U.S. ESV'S FOR TESTING
IN JAPAN IN EXCHANGE FOR THE JAPANESE VEHICLES YOU HAVE
OFFERED FOR OUR TESTING. I REGRET, HOWEVER, THAT
CIRCUMSTANCES AT THIS TIME PROHIBIT PROCUREMENT OF
ADDITIONAL U.S. ESV'S, INCLUDING THOSE OF THE GENERAL
MOTORS CORPORATION AND THE FORD MOTOR COMPANY. ALTHOUGH
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THE NHTSA CAN NOT RECIPROCATATE IN KIND, WE ARE VERY

PLEASED THAT YOU HAVE MADE AVAILABLE JAPANESE ESV'S
FOR TESTING IN THE UNITED STATES.

(B) WE FEEL CERTAIN THAT THIS TESTING WOULD BE TO OUR MUTUAL
ADVANTAGE, AND WILL PROVIDE IMPORTANT DATA FOR YOU AS WELL AS US
TO COMPARE WITH THAT DERIVED FROM THE U.S. ESV'S AND FROM
EUROPEAN TESTING. THE TEST PLAN WILL BE JOINTLY DEVELOPED SO AS
TO BE COMPLEMENTARY TO THE TESTING DONE IN JAPAN.

(C) WITH REFERENCE TO YOUR CONCERN ABOUT PROTECTING YOUR ESV
DESIGN INFORMATION, I WISH TO AFFIRM DR. MANNELLA'S EARLIER
ASSURANCE THAT ONLY JAPANESE AND APPROPRIATE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND
DYNAMIC SCIENCE PERSONNEL WILL HAVE ACCESS TO THE VEHICLES. IN
ADDITION, NO DISMANTLING WILL BE PERFORMED FOR THE PURPOSE OF
SEEKING DESIGN INFORMATION. THIS IS IN CONSONANCE WITH THE "ANNEX
TO UNITED STATES-JAPAN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON EXPERIMENTAL
SAFETY VEHICLES CONCERNING EXCHANGE OF TECHNICAL INFORMATION,"
WITH WHICH WE INTEND TO ABIDE. THE PROCEDURES THAT WERE USED
TO PROTECT FORD AND GM DESIGN INFORMATION DURING THEIR TESTING
WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FOR THE JAPANESE ESV'S.

(D) I ALSO WISH TO ASSURE YOU THAT THE JAPANESE WILL HAVE
THE FINAL WORD ON THE ULTIMATE DISPOSITION OF THEIR CRASHED ESV'S.
NHTSA IS WILLING TO SEND CRASHED ESV'S BACK TO JAPAN IF SO DESIRED.

2. ITEM 6 OF REFTTEL A AND ITEM 2 OF REFTTEL B NOT FULLY UNDERSTOOD
BY NHTSA OR STAHLER. IF FURTHER INFORMATION OR LETTERS ARE RE-
QUIRED BY MR. SHIMO ON PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING PROPRIETARY INFOR-
MATION PROBLEMS PLEASE OUTLINE REQUIREMENTS AND WE WILL COMPLY.

3. IF POSSIBLE NHTSA REQUESTS AMEMBASSY TOKYO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS
FOR SHIPPING ALL THE COMPLETE AIR BAG ASSEMBLIES FOR THE TWO
VEHICLES INCLUDING ANY PYROTECHNIC DEVICES. EXPENSES WOULD BE
HANDLED AS PER REFTTEL C. IF THIS CAN BE DONE BY FLYING TIGER
AIRLINE AS INDICATED IN REFTTEL B THIS METHOD WOULD BE SATISFACTORY.
THESE UNITS SHOULD BE SHIPPED DIRECTLY TO THE TEST FACILITY,
ASSUMING THEY ARE NOT REQUIRED FOR THE DISPLAY AND ACCEPTANCE

CEREMONY IN WASHINGTON. THESE ARE TO BE ADDRESSED TO:

ATTENTION: FRED ARNDT
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